

Louise Poole has never looked back since joining the Congleton Harriers, a regular racer and supporter and most recently giving up her time as race director at the successful Congleton Half Marathon. A week before standing at the start line with the air horn she combined her passion for running with her lifelong passion of all things Disney by taking part in the 10k and half marathon events in the EuroDisney park Paris.

Taking on both races was known as the Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo Challenge the magic song from Cinderella. Saturday was a non-timed 10k through the two parks, no official time but a runner is never far away from their watch so for the record her time was 63:40.

On Sunday, it was time to join 6,500 others for the half marathon, a course lined with famous characters with a route that again ran through the two parks of Disneyland and Walt Disney Studios. Running with her boyfriend and latest member of Congleton Harriers, Will Roberts, taking in the sights of Main Street USA and Sleeping Beauty's Castle the two finished together under glorious sunshine in 2:25:19.



Louise Poole in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle – Paris 24.09.2017

The Curbar Commotion fell race took place on Saturday, advertised at 8.9 miles but due to access issues at White Edge, the route was extended to 10.2 but 244 runners were still on the start line in damp conditions with low cloud obscuring any views as they set off from Curbar primary school at 10am. Three Harriers were present with Bryan Lomas leading the way in 45th 1:20:14, Lucy Rusbridge was 138th in 1:38:44 and Lucinda Stone declaring it her new favourite race finished 202nd 1:52:12.



Bryan Lomas at Curbar Commotion Fell Race 07.10.2017

Photo Frank Golden

Arley Hall near Knutsford was the setting for the Cheshire Half Marathon on Sunday and Helen Jeffery and Charmaine Wood made the trip. The course run on quiet rural roads is flat for the most part with a slight incline at the finish but after running hard for 12 miles feels significantly steeper. Both the Harriers were pleased with their performances but even better was being greeted at the finish by their cheering children. Wood was 88th in 1:40:42 and fourth in her age category and Jeffery was 167th taking six minutes off her PB with a time of 1:52:41.



Left Helen Jeffery and Right Charmaine Wood and fan club at Arley Half Marathon 08.10.2017

Club secretary Jo Moss has spent the summer months training hard for the Chester Marathon which took place on Sunday, she was joined by club mate Brian Evans along with over 2,500 other runners. First run in 2010 the course changed a year later to cope with the popularity and to better showcase the city attractions from the Roman Walls to the Eastgate Clock the course starts and finishes on the horse racecourse and weaves its way through picturesque villages in England and Wales before returning to the racecourse. Evans envisioned the 3 hours pace makers behind him as grim reapers which kept him sufficiently motivated to take 136th place in 2:58:54. Despite the flat profile of the course the finishing straight was on the strength sapping turf of the racecourse and it was probably that which cost Moss a PB by just 5 seconds finishing 48th woman overall and 8th in her age category in 3:22:19.



Left Brian Evans and Right Jo Moss at Chester Marathon 08.10.2017

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